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Logistics company to expand in Miami, create 75 jobs over three years

HIGHLIGHTS

Freight brokerage firm TQL will open an office in downtown Miami

Company benefited from tax break valued at \$300,000



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National freight-brokerage firm Total Quality Logistics will expand into Miami-Dade County with help from a tax break valued at up to \$300,000. TQL helps connect companies that need products shipped around the country with trucking firms. It expects to create 75 jobs in Miami-Dade over the next three years.

Miami-Dade County and the Beacon Council worked with Enterprise Florida and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on the deal. TQL qualified for a \$3,000 tax rebate per job created in Miami-Dade for up to 100 jobs. The state will pay for 80 percent of the rebate's total cost and the county will pay for 20 percent. The company only gets to claim the rebate for jobs it creates.

"One in five jobs in Miami-Dade County is in trade and logistics," Beacon Council president and CEO Larry Williams said in a statement. "With the Panama Canal expansion this year, we expect those numbers to grow as more companies take advantage of the opportunities in Miami."

The Beacon Council, Miami-Dade's economic development arm, has been pushing for the creation of jobs in the logistics industry and other high-paying fields.

TQL — which has Florida operations in Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Orlando, Tampa Bay and Fort Lauderdale — plans to open its office at 150 W. Flagler St. in March. The company is hiring. Those interested can learn more at: <http://www.tql.com/jobs/jobs-overview>.



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